



Planning Statement

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Site Address: 221A Whitefield Drive, Westvale, Kirkby, Knowsley, L32 0RB

1. Introduction

This Planning Statement has been prepared in support of an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed change of use from a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a children's home (Use Class C2).

2. Site and Surroundings

The property is a residential dwelling located within an established residential area of Kirkby. The surrounding area is characterised by similar residential properties and benefits from access to local services, schools, transport links and community facilities.

3. Existing Use

The site is currently in lawful use as a single dwellinghouse falling within Use Class C3.

4. Proposed Development

The proposal seeks to change the use of the property to a small children's home accommodating a maximum of one child. The home will operate with up to two care support staff on shift at any time. The use will operate on a 24-hour basis providing residential care in a domestic environment.

No external alterations, extensions, or material changes to the building are proposed. The property will retain its residential appearance and function in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.

5. Character and Impact

Due to the small scale of the proposal (maximum one child and two staff), the use will remain residential in character. Staff operate on a shift basis and the comings and goings will be comparable to a typical family dwelling. There will be no significant increase in traffic, noise, or disturbance beyond that of a normal residential use.

6. Conclusion

The proposal represents a small-scale residential care setting within an existing dwellinghouse. The nature and scale of the operation ensures the property will continue to function in a manner consistent with the surrounding residential area.

It is respectfully requested that the Local Planning Authority grant the Lawful Development Certificate.